



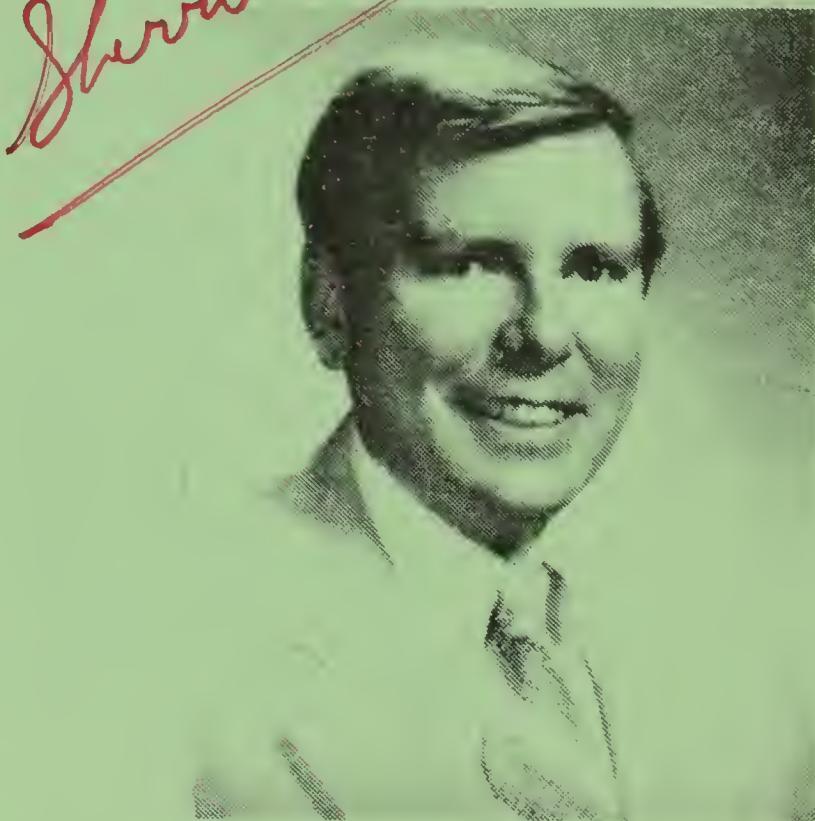
# NOW NEWS

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## From Your President

Once again it is my duty to announce that the time for nominations for elective office in the Numismatists of Wisconsin is here. If you know someone who is interested in being an active member of the governing body of the Numismatists of Wisconsin, we would welcome a nomination.

This coming election is exceptionally important for many reasons, the first being that the office of President, Vice President and four board members will be available this year. It is my hope and wish that the new members of the board will continue to work to bring the hobby together as their terms pass into history.

Another important item for the new president and board of governors to consider is the funding of the

ANA scholarship program. In the past we have been funding this program by donations from dedicated, interested numismatists, and from the auction fee. With the prospect of rising costs for the seminar, we are faced with several choices. They are: Discontinue the program, increase the auction fee, or, fund the program from the proceeds of the

show and membership fees.

Another project which may seem far away, is the 1986 joint Central States/NOW Convention here in Milwaukee. The planning and ground work for this convention will have to be done during the term of the next president and NOW board members.

It is especially vital that they recognize the need for unity in the hobby. This means that they should be willing to have their ideas heard, while respecting the rights of people or clubs with differing ideas.

Remember, NOW is your club. It should be important to all of you to take an active interest in building a strong state organization, and by inputting your ideas helping your state organization. Remember, we are all working toward the same goal: A strong, healthy hobby.

Sincerely,

Michael Segersin

#### N.O.W. DUES NOTICE

With the new year only a couple weeks away, N.O.W. Secretary Harry Collins will be accepting 1982 dues NOW. Keep in the hobby mainstream, send your dues to Harry at P.O. Box 6, Schofield, Wis. 54476

#### WISCONSIN COIN AND PRECIOUS

#### METALS ASSOCIATION FORMER

The first membership meeting of the WCPMA was held Nov 1st in conjunction with the Fox Valley Coin Club fall show. Elected as officers for 1982 were:

President - Fritz Voecks  
 Vice Pres. - Harold Collins  
 Treas. - Len Roosmalen  
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WCPMA was formed as a protective "watchdog" association against punitive legislation concerning coin and bullion transactions in the hobby.

#### BEST WISHES!

For the Holidays from the elected and appointed officers of NOW!

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are in order for the following NOW offices President, Vice President and four members of the Board of Governors.

Nominations will close March 1st, 1982. Please send your personal or club nomination to: Harry Collins, P.O. Box 6, Schofield, Wis. 54476

Mike Segersin - Pres. NOW

## MADISON HOSTS 1982 N.O.W.

The 22nd Annual Numismatists of Wisconsin (N.O.W.) will be hosted by the Madison Coin Club, Madison, Wisconsin. The under-l-roof Show, Sale & Convention will take place May 15 & 16 at Sheraton Inn & Convention Center, just off the highway 12-18 bypass.

A special feature of the 1982 show will be the fact that the Madison Coin Club will be celebrating it's golden anniversary as part of the Convention. The club

was founded in 1932 and is believed to be the oldest active coin club in the State of Wisconsin. As a part of the Golden Anniversary celebration, brunch/banquet activities will honor several founders and long-time club members who are still active.

Robert C. Kraft, of Madison, general chairman of the convention, urges organizations that would like to conduct meetings at the show to contact him at 404 Glenway St., Madison, WI 53711.

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## WILL EXHIBITING SURVIVE

### THE EIGHTIES?

Even in these highly commercialized days of our hobby, when the MS-70 and the price of gold and silver bullion is more in the conversational view than the history and beauty of numismatics, you will hear concern voiced as to the state of competitive exhibiting.

A recent survey conducted by ANA shows exhibitors reluctant to display their treasures on a basis of time, distance, effort, cost and security. When examined in parts, the survey points up several things that can be done if we, as persons who have enjoyed the exhibits over the years, wish to save competitive displays. Time and effort in preparing the exhibits are labor of love, but the extra time the exhibit need be on display is a burr. Why not set exhibit times for set up and take down on a more flexible (less rigid) basis? Effort at the show means automobile to exhibit area help - these exhibitors in nine of ten cases are guests - not commercially motivated numismatic persons.

Distance tends to tie into time, that is, if the exhibitor lives several hours drive away from the show site, it may be necessary to "leave before breakfast" to meet the exhibit set up time.

Cost and distance can also be a factor, while the dealer pays for his table he in return reaps a profit while the exhibitor often goes home with a bland polished metal trophy. Many people feel that some travel stipend for exhibitors would be a legitimate show expense.

Security is a pure club weakness. At several shows over the years, exhibits have been tampered with in attempt to pilfer. The loose "club member" security coverage of the exhibit area is rarely close to efficient and handled with light regard by most show genera-

### *Editorial*

chairmen.

Perhaps this is the underlying problem. Do show producing clubs religate exhibits to a "second class" feature of the show, spending as little as possible on this phase of public exposure to numismatics?

The decline in number of exhibits at the national, state, and local level does not seem to fit into an pattern of commercialism this is evidenced by the high interest in displaying during the "roll collecting craze" of the 1960's.



# Kurt R. Krueger

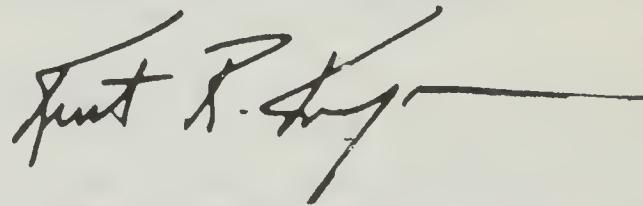
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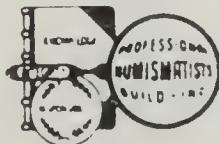
When the time arrives to sell, let us assist you in choosing the proper method of liquidation. We are always strong buyers of key material and also offer mail bid and floor auction services. We are conducting the 1982 and 1983 GNSA Auction in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. We are also privileged to be conducting the Mid-Year ANA auction in 1982 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Consignment deadline for that particular auction is November 30, 1981 and we are expecting intense bidder participation as that will be the most noteworthy auction of the first quarter of 1982!



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A CHAT WITH AN ANAEXHIBITOR

Whatever the cause, concern by clubs is needed. The incentive of free meal tickets at annual banquets and coin shows is a start, and innovative club member brainstorming no doubt will come up with many more incentives. Along with the excellent numismatic media, the exhibit is a learning tool that has real impact, and must not be allowed to wither.

EXONUMIST

The word exonumist was coined by Russ Rulau (NOW #1160) and is a combination of "exo" meaning out of, and "numis" meaning a coin. The word was used informally until 1962 when it was officially adopted by the Token and Medal Society to describe token collectors.

DONALD A. RATHBUN

Collectors in southern Wisconsin and NOW members throughout the state were saddened by news of the death of Don Rathbun of Madison. Rathbun, a long time collector, and show dealer of the 1960 era, had been in poor health for several years. Don was 59 years of age.

With a great deal of pr and con concerning exhib going on during these "do days" of Numismatics, here is an interesting view from a highly talented and successfu exhibitor who is also a NOW member.

The ANA exhibitor can expect to pay \$90.00 or more per day for his room, plus perhaps another \$5.00 per day to park the car. Most hotels do not have a car available to haul the bulk exhibits to the display area, and most host clubs cater to dealers and are not particularly friendly or helpful to exhibitors.

Once set up, the exhibitor is subject to archaic display rules, which were perhaps necessary at one time, but were made obsolet in the early 1970's by regional and local shows. (Size and shape of cases, outside headings, setup and takedown times). The time limits are especially harrassing - even more restrictive than those imposed on dealers. (Your exhibit cannot be taken down until the show closing time).

All this for a \$5.00 exhibitors ribbon in some cases. Quite a price to pay for national recognition even if you do win in the jungle catagorys that ANA supports

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## ANATOMY OF A SUCCESSFUL LOCAL SHOW

I want to thank everyone who helped make our recent coin show so successful. We had 164 dealers with tables and public attendance of almost 3,000. I particularly want to thank the people who worked during the show: Ray Ziolkowski, Rudy Magnarini, Tom Artus, Milton Krenkel, Roger Lick, Henry Jaworski, George Miller, Tom Casper, Leo Neidinger, Dave Hunsicker, Nancy Wilson, George Neuner, Larry Messarik, Jerry and Al Panfil, Lawrie Radway, Kevin Foley, Lee Hartz, and, of course, my wife, Luella, who has done so much over the years to help with all our shows. Thanks also to Mike Tramte, who came from Green Bay to help, and to Annette Tramte, who worked far beyond the call of duty.

Del Bertschy - Show Chairman  
Milw. Numis. Soc.

### R.S. YEOMAN VISITS WESTERN

Richard "Dick" Yeoman, perhaps the most familiar name in numismatics, was at the Western Publishing Company at Racine this summer to celebrate the publishing of the 35th edition of the "Redbook". (A guide book of United States Coins).

The 35th edition, car-

ries a gold facsimile of his signature on the cover. Mr. Yeoman, (NOW #12) now lives in Green Valley, Arizona and audits and revises the Redbook issues during the cold season. When spring arrives, Dick is back in Racine, where in 1947 he created the "Redbook", which has been the "Bible" of the hobby since that date.

The 1947 edition which numbered 18,000 total copies, is now a coveted collectors item in itself. The overall number of all copies of the "Redbook" printed, is now nearing the 20 million mark.

### CLUB ANNOUNCES PUBLICATION

The Nicolet Coin Club of Green Bay, Wis. has issued a four page guide to State and National Bank Notes of Brown County, Wis. The guide lists Green Bay and DePere banks and the denominations of notes they issued. For national notes, the quantity of each denomination printed is also listed.

While the guide may not be complete, it is a start toward the general catalog being compiled by the Nicolet Club of Brown County Merchant tokens, paper money, and exonumia.

Persons desiring a free copy should send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Nicolet Coin Club  
P.O. Box 152  
Green Bay, Wis. 54305



L to R - Dave Harper, Bill Dehem

OSHKOSH BANQUET

Forty two members and guests attended the annual awards banquet of the Oshkosh Coin Club held October 21st at the Anchor Inn in Oshkosh. Food for the evening was family style turkey and beef with all the trimmings, beautifully prepared and served. Speaker for the event was Dave Harper of Coin Magazine, subbing for Chet Krause who was on location. Dave discussed the current status of commemorative coins and humorously outlined the beaurocratic bumbling and goofups that accompany Senate hearings. The cumbersome involvement of Olympic athletes and petroleum companies in numismatics at the hearings, and the weird priority order of the beaurocracy were handled

in good humor by Harper. After Harpers question and answer period, Ron Sast ran and narrated the AKA slide set on "Love Token Jewelry", and distributed door prizes.

President Bill Dehem then presented Irene Blanchette with the Rose Luker Memorial trophy for her continuing service to the club. Also honored was Keith Rhode for being the top ticket salesman for the clubs annual show. Rhode sold 900 tickets for honors among Oshkosh club members.

Send in your club news!

WAUSAU BANQUET

Forty members and guests enjoyed the 26th annual banquet of the Wisconsin Valley Coin Club, (W.V.C.C.), held November 7th at the Riverside Club in Merrill.

Guest speaker Chet Krause, discussed the current doldrums of the numismatic hobby, and described the current hobby recession as far less serious than the crash of the 1960's. Describing the present as a "good time for collectors to buy coins", Krause saw key hobby indicators holding steady in an otherwise recessive economy. Chet displayed and described several of his firms new publications including "Early American Tokens", and "The Standard Catalog of World Coins". The books were later donated as door prize drawings.

BEAVER DAM MINI SHOW

To some of our younger in years members, mention of the city of Beaver Dam holds no numismatic significance, but once upon a time, not too long ago, this city of 14,000 was the home of one of the finest coin clubs in Wisconsin. Exhibits of exceptional quality, active young numismatists, quality coin shows, Beaver Dam had them all!! What happened to this fine club is a numismatic enigma, no one with whom we have talked can explain its collapse. This summer, a small scale "primer" type coin show (commercial) was set up in Beaver Dam by dealer Randy Miller of Oshkosh, Mike Peterson of Appleton, and Mike Everson and Larry Rickert of Avenue Coin & Stamp of Appleton. These young men know, and many old timers feel, that the roots of a good Beaver Dam Coin Club still exist. Lets hope that 1982 will see the revival. How about it Beaver Dam?

**TROY OUNCE** — A measure of weight. A *troy ounce* is different from the *ounce* most Americans know. There are twelve troy ounces in a pound; i.e. 1 troy oz. =  $1\frac{1}{3}$  oz. (the "regular" oz. =  $1/16$  lb.) Gold is measured worldwide (including in the U.S.) in troy ounces.



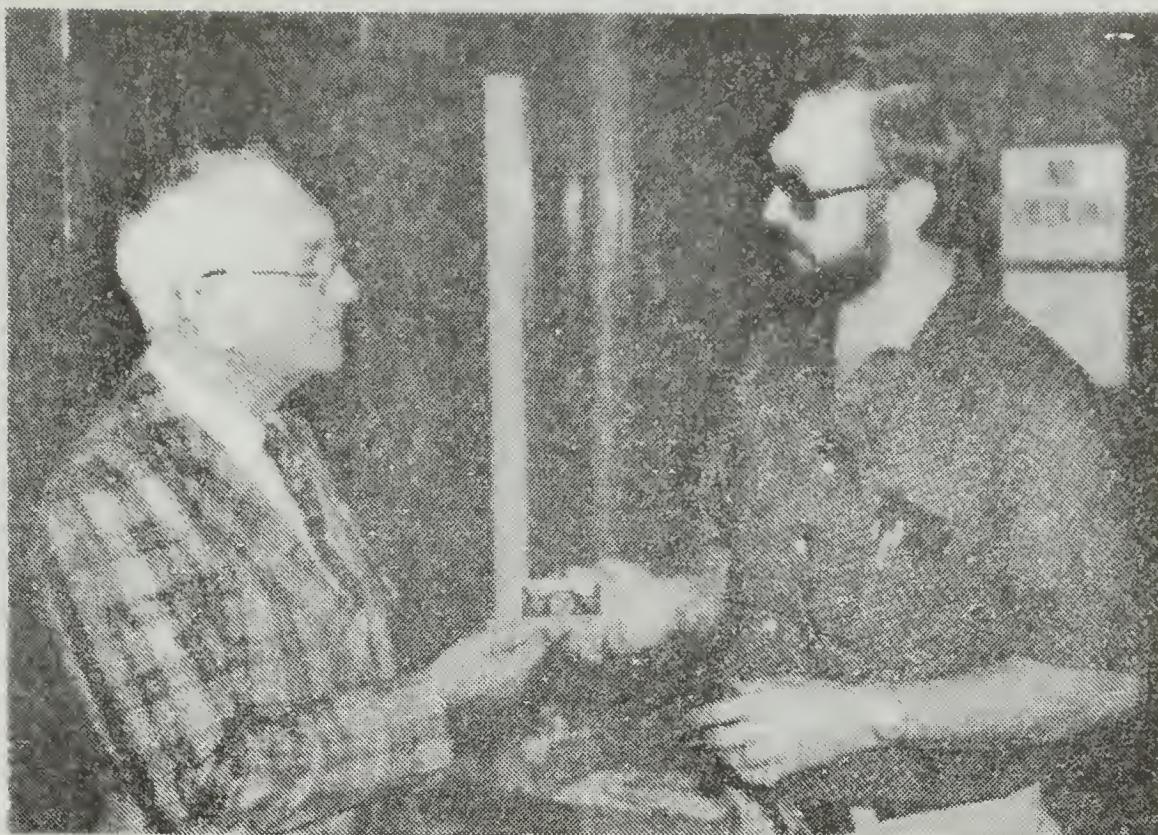
NOW Secretary Harry Collins presents life membership plaque to Wilbert Schenk, (center), as Helen Schenk looks on.

WAUSAU CLUB HONORS SCHENK

In a surprise ceremony at the Riverside Supper Club at Merrill, Wilbert "Willie" Schenk was awarded a honorary life membership in the Wisconsin Valley Coin Club.

Schenk, a charter member since the club was formed in 1955, has served in all four elective offices of the club as well as bourse, ticket, and advertising positions.

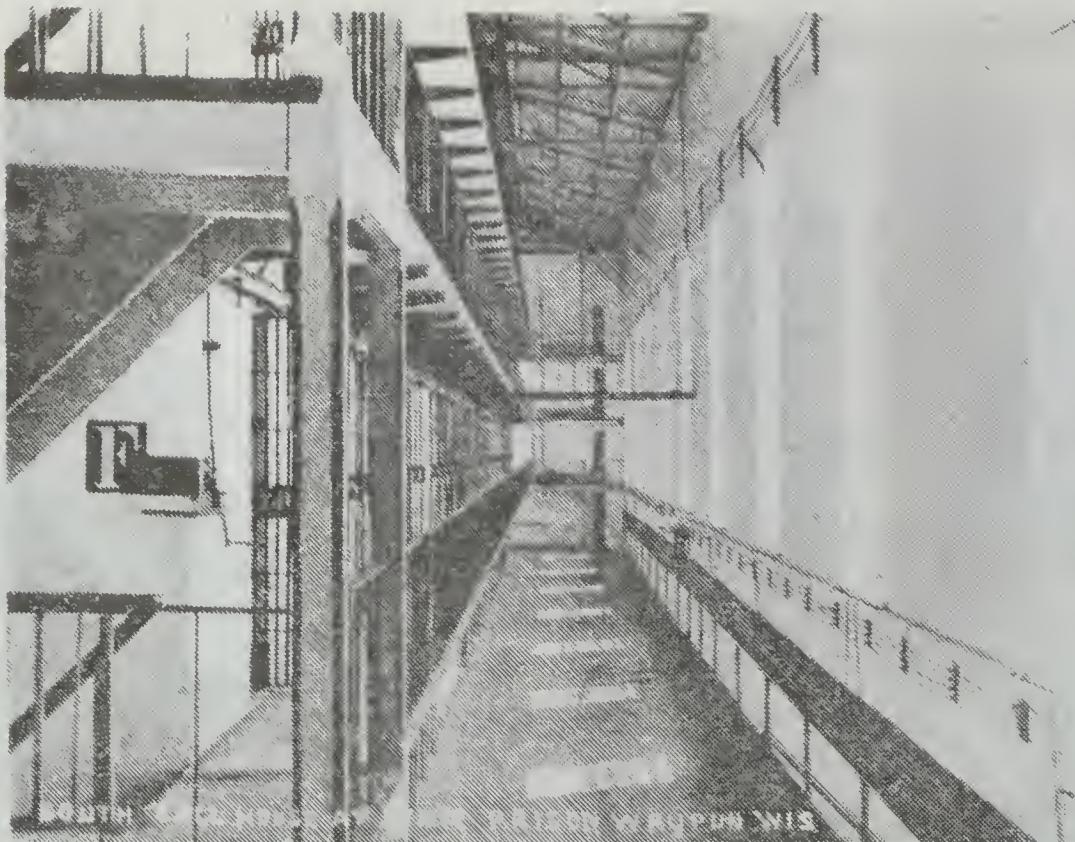
In accepting the membership plaque, Schenk, a retired paper mill maintenance man, attributed his long time interest and activism to the support of his wife Helen, who has worked beside him thruout his 26 years in W.V.C.C.



Harry Collins, (right), presents Cooney life membership #58 to Cooney Numismatists president Jern Kuczynski. (Oconomowoc Coin Show.)



120 years of Wisconsin numismatic experience met at the Milwaukee show when oldtimers Del Bertschy (left), and Harry Collura chatted.



## WISCONSIN PENAL MONEY

Bob Lemke - WNWA

In mid-1981 the Token and Medal Society (TAMS) published a catalog of United States prison media of exchange. Since many N.O.W. members are not members of TAMS, and since several new pieces of Wisconsin prison "currency" have been issued since the publication of that catalog (which I co-authored with Jerry Zara), it was felt that N.O.W. News readers might be interested in a cataloging of prison tokens of Wisconsin.

A short background on the history of prison tokens is necessary to give the reader an understanding of why cash substitutes are used in prisons, reform and training schools, jails, and other places of confinement.

Modern penological theory holds that convicts and cash don't mix. It was the inordinate love of money that sent many to prison in the first place, but over the past century, prison officials have learned that the use of legal tender coinage and currency inside prison walls can be a potential problem.

Since it is not issued by the institution, there is no way for officials to control the amount of cash in circulation or in the hands of each prisoner. Just as on the outside, a prison society that uses an uncontrolled currency will suffer from problems that range from inflation and depression to the creation of a wealthy class of convict who use the cash to yield power over the poor. Such a situation can lead to violence.

Also, a convict with U.S. currency in his possession can use it to bribe guards for contraband items or favors, because the money is easily spent by the guard on the outside. In the event of an escape, the prisoner could use cash to facilitate his getaway. In both of these situations, the use of prison currency eliminates such problems.

Like many states, Wisconsin has, over the years, tried a number of different currency substitutes, including scrip, tokens, and punch cards. While all of these substitutes have an advantage over cash, there are still drawbacks in that they lend themselves to transfer among inmates by such means as gambling, theft, robbery or other unsavory means.

Most institutions recognize the need for some type of medium of exchange, allowing the prisoner to purchase commissary items, snack foods, hobby supplies, etc., but today most are moving away from the tokens, scrip and other transferrable media to a bookkeeping system.

The Wisconsin State Prison at Waupun, or Wisconsin Correctional Institution as it is officially known, is one exception in that recent years have seen an increase in the number of cash substitutes used among inmates; principally in the area of snack foods items which are sold on a private basis by

various groups within the prison. The prison has turned the sales of soda, pastries, candy, etc., over to certain approved groups, who use the profits to fund their activities.

The prison uses a more conventional canteen book system for toilet articles, convenience foods and other items purchased in the institution commissary. In a pass book system, money that an inmate receives from outside, or earns on a job in the prison, is credited to an account and noted on a passbook. When making purchases, the passbook balance is adjusted according to the amount of the sale.

This article will concern itself with the tokens, scrip, tickets, and punch cards normally collected by prison token collectors.

A rather small specialty in the exonumia field, prison tokens are collected by persons who find a fascination with currency items used inside "the walls."

In the majority of cases individual types of prison currency are quite scarce, because most institutions take precautions to keep a tight control on the circulation of the items. However, when some series are obsoleted, they may appear in the collector marketplace in great numbers.

As prison currency goes, Wisconsin-issued material is quite scarce in all but a few cases. In the listing

here, a relative indication of availability is provided. Like the catalog numbers given, they are taken from the TAMS listing. Listings are roughly chronological order.

WI-1 WISCONSIN STATE PRISON. One cent, white paper coupon. Size & design details unknown. (Rare)

WI-2 Two cents, red paper coupon. (Rare)

WI-3 Five cents, gray paper coupon. (Rare)

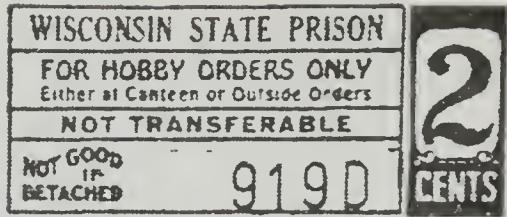
WI-4 Twenty-five cents, unknown color paper coupon. (Rare)

WI-5 Fifty cents, salmon paper coupon. (Rare)

NOTE: This coupon series was issued in books of 50¢, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$7, \$10, \$15, \$20, \$30, \$40, and \$50. It is now obsolete.

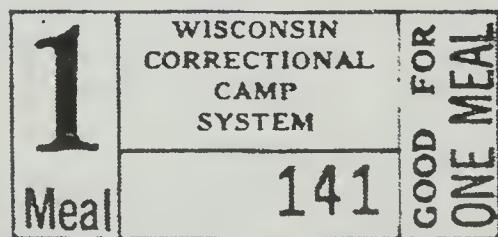
WI-6 Two cents, blue paper coupon. 51mm x 22mm. Obv: 2 / CENTS at right; at left, WISCONSIN STATE PRISON / FOR HOBBY ORDERS ONLY / Either at Canteen or Outside Orders / NOT TRANSFERABLE / NOT GOOD / IF / DETACHED (serial number). All printing in dark blue ink, except red serial number. Rev: Blank (Rare)

WI-7 WISCONSIN CORRECTIONAL CAMP SYSTEM. Green paper meal ticket.



WI - 6

51mm x 24mm. Obv: 1 / MEAL at left; GOOD FOR / ONE MEAL vertically at right; in center, WISCONSIN / CORRECTIONAL / CAMP / SYSTEM / (serial number). All printing in green ink. Rev: Blank. (Rare)



WI - 7

WI-8 HOUSE OF CORRECTION (Located in suburban Milwaukee, at Wauwatosa). Fifteen cents 22mm, round red plastic, incuse white lettering. Obv: HOUSE OF / CORRECTION / CA- NTEEN. Rev: GOOD FOR 15¢ IN / TRADE (Rare)



WI-9 WISCONSIN STATE PRISON. No denomination, 26mm round bronze. Obv: WAUPUN / STATE PRISON. Rev: Coca-Cola over a Coca-Cola logo. (Scarce)

NOTE: These tokens, reportedly provided by the Coca-Cola company in Atlanta, were sold to inmates in the commissary for use in Coke machines in visiting areas, lounges, etc. "Face value" was 20¢ in late 1978.

WI-10 No denomination, 51 mm x 25mm light green cardboard ticket. Obv: LOS / LATINOS rubber-stamped in purple at center. Serial numbers in black at left and right; separated and surrounded by red border. Rev: Blank. (Common)

NOTE: This ticket, and the two below, were used for a short time when the Latin American cultural group within the Waupun prison had the soda concession. Tickets were purchased for 20 cents and could be redeemed for a cup of soda.

WI-10a Fifteen cents, 51mm x 25mm white cardboard ticket. Obv: LOS LATINOS / 25¢ rubber-stamped in purple. Black serial numbers at left and right, separated and surrounded by red border. Rev: Blank. (Rare)

WI-10b Twenty-five cents, 51mm x 25mm light green cardboard ticket. Obv: LOS LATINOS / 25¢ rubber-stamped in purple. Black serial numbers left and right, separated and surrounded by red border.



WI - 9



WI - 10

WI-11 Five dollars, 100mm x 75mm white punch-card. Obv: In center: TOTAL VALUE \$5.00 / FOOD PURCHASE ONLY / Black / Culture Group / CARD NO. (blank) / Resident..Inst. No. (blank above) / Chairman .. Treasurer (blank above). Amounts making up face value of the card printed around the border. All printing is black, except the card number, rubber-stamped in red. Values have been punched out and pen cancelled. Each card signed by project officers.

Rev: Blank. (Rare)

NOTE: Cards similar to WI-11 are believed to have been issued by white culture and Jaycee groups in the prison, but examples are unavailable for confirmation.

WI-12 Guest Meal Ticket. No denomination, 52mm x 26mm yellow cardboard ticket. Obv: WISCONSIN STATE PRISON / Name (blank) / Representing / GUEST MEAL TICKET (blank above). Rev: Blank. (Scarce)

NOTE: In March, 1980, these meal tickets were being sold for \$1.25 each to authorized visitors at the prison, such as inst-

ructors, training personnel, etc.

WI-13 Ten cents, 51mm x 25mm pink cardboard ticket. Obv: INDO-EUROPEAN / CULTURE GROUP rubber-stamped in black over pre-printed ADMIT / ONE at center. Black serial numbers at left and red; red border. Rev: 10 rubber-stamped in black. (Scarce)

WI-14 Twenty cents, orange cardboard ticket. Same size and inscriptions as WI-13, except 20 stamped on back. (Scarce)

WI-15 Forty cents, yellow cardboard ticket. Same size and inscriptions as WI-13, except 40 stamped on back. (Scarce)

WI-16 Five cents, 51mm x 24mm pink cardboard ticket. Obv: (serial number) / .05 / WCI - GROUPS. Serial number in black ink, other printing, red ink. Rev: Blank (Rare)

WI-17 Ten cents, pink cardboard ticket. Similar to WI-16. (Rare)

WI-18 Twenty-five cents pink cardboard ticket. Similar to WI-16. (Rare)

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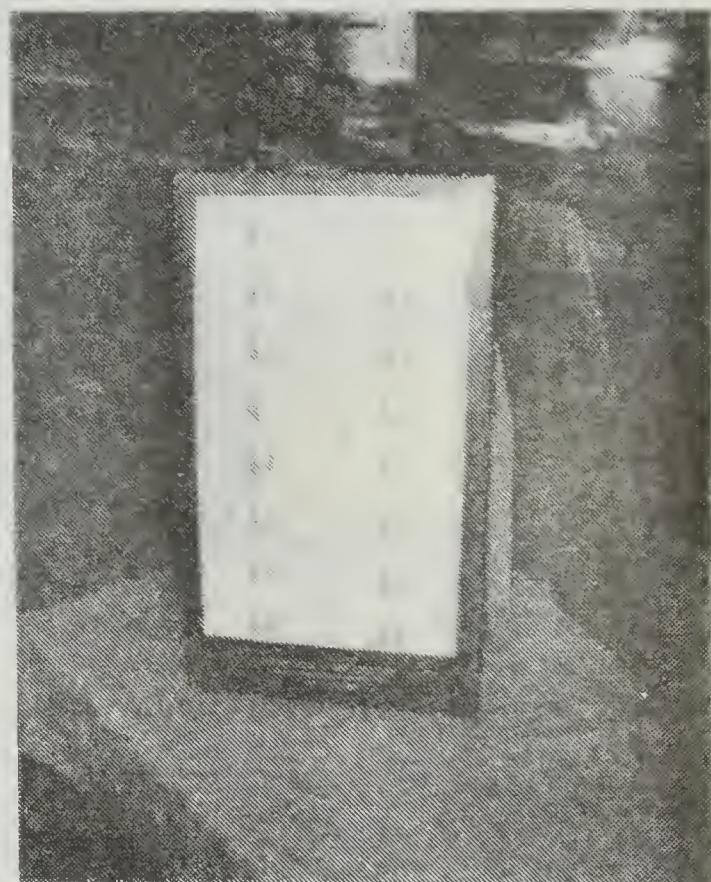
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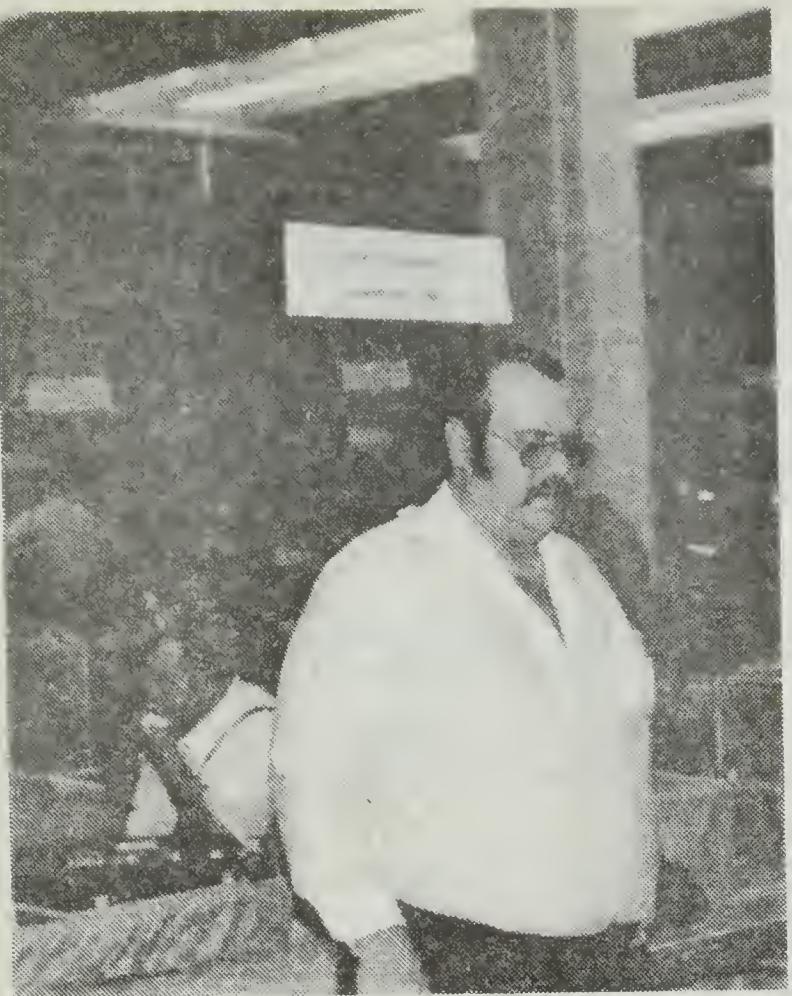


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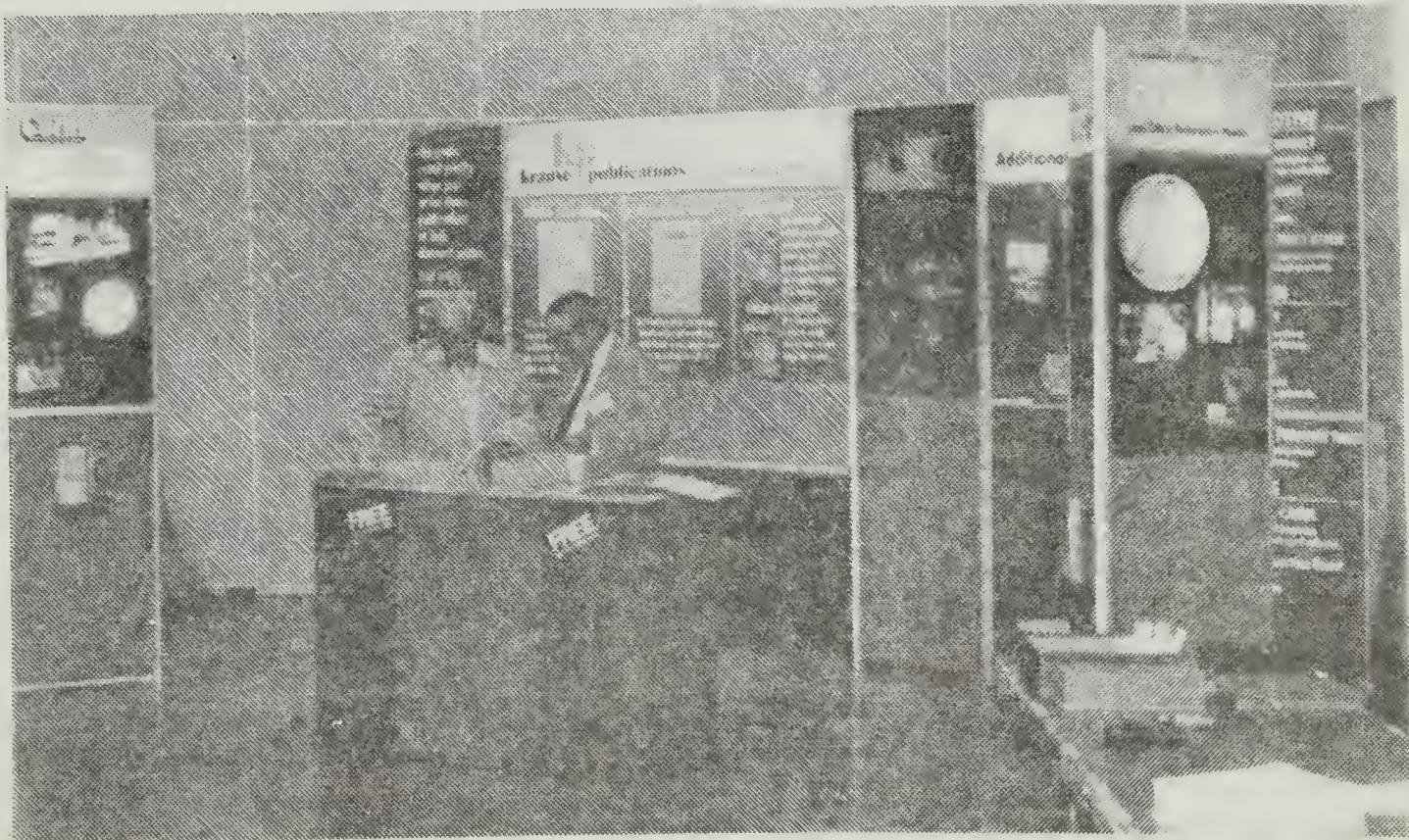
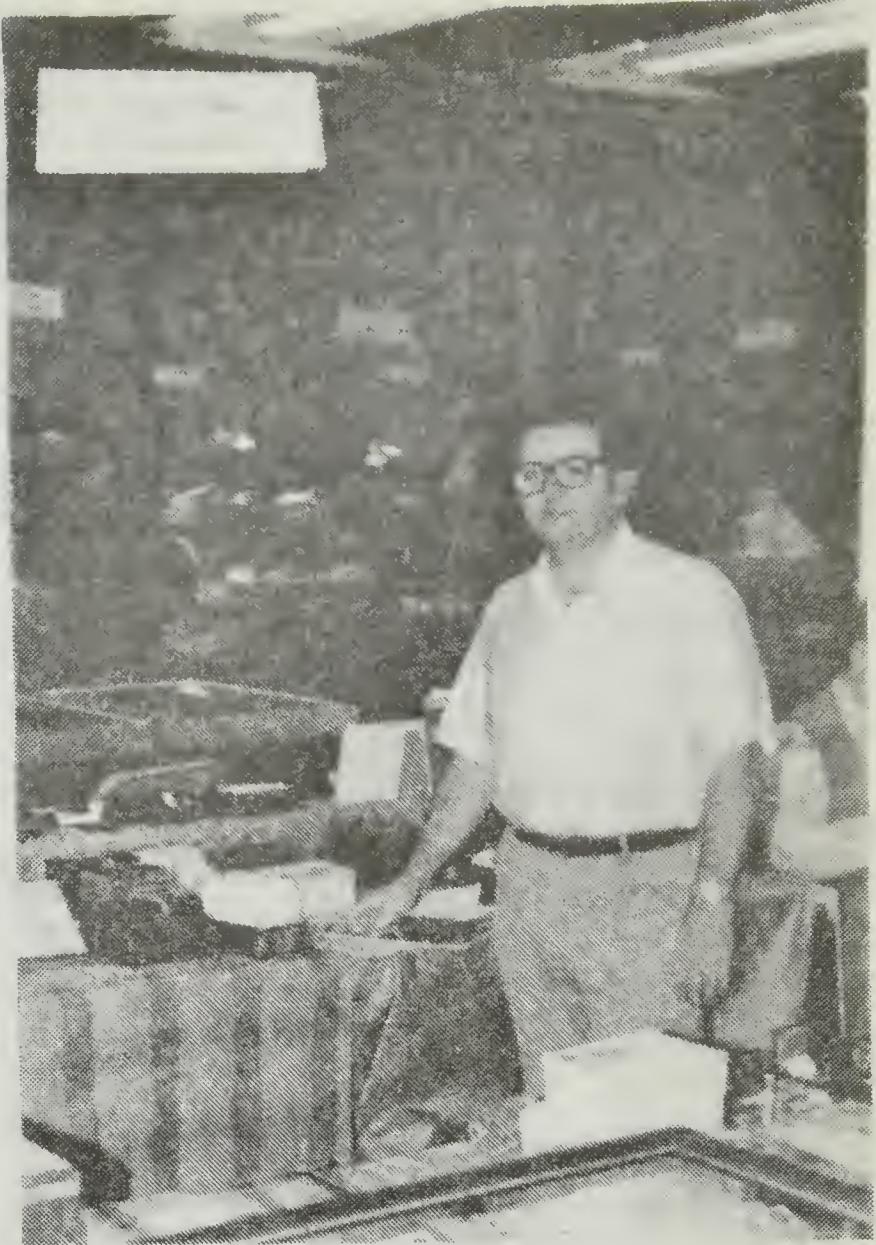


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